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SUBJ: SOUTH AFRICA AND ANGOLAN REFUGEES

1. UN COMMISSIONER FOR NAMIBIA MACBRIDE TOLD MISOFF JANUARY
27 THAT HITCH HAS ARISEN OVER UN ASSISTANCE TO ANGOLAN
REFUGEES IN NAMIBIA. PROBLEM IS THAT UN RECOGNIZES ITSELF
TO BE AUTHORITY IN NAMIBIA AND BELIEVES THAT THIS COULD
BE UNDERMINED WERE UN TO DEAL WITH SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT
OVER NAMIBIA. MEMBER STATES HAVE BEEN CAUTIONED OVER YEARS
IN RESOLUTIONS NOT TO TREAT WITH PRETORIA CONCERNING NAMIBIA.
MACBRIDE IMPLIED THAT IT WOULD BE FAIRLY ROUTINE WERE HE
AS COMMISSIONER ABLE SIMPLY TO WRITE A LETTER TO UNHCR
REQUESTING AID AND INTERJECTNG HIS OFFICE INTO OPERATION.
BUT, MACBRIDE SAYS, UN COUNCIL FOR NAMIBIA MUST BECOME
ENGAGED AND, GIVEN ITS POLITICAL COMPLEXION, THIS COMPLICATES
THE PROBLEM. MACBRIDE GAVE NO INDICATION OF WHAT SOLUTION HE
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PRESCRIBED AND IT MAY WELL BE THAT UNHCR AND OTHER AGENCIES

WILL TURN THE OTHER CHEEK CONCERNING POLITICAL IMPLICATIONS AS IT CARRIES OUT AID.

2. MACBRIDE MUSED THAT IT WOULD BE POLITICALLY DESIRABLE WERE UN TO BE ABLE TO SET UP A REFUGEE CAMP IN NAMIBIA, BUT HIMSELF DISMISSED IT FROM THOUGHT.

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